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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

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MR ERNIE LAZAR
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Subject of Request : DEWEST HOOKER

FOIPA NO. 918385

Dear Requester:

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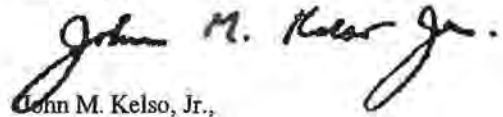
(See Form OPCA-16a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, **20** preprocessed pages are being released.

The documents responsive to your request were previously processed for another requester. In order to provide the information you requested as soon as possible, we have released the FBI information as it was originally processed. We have not contacted other government agencies concerning their information in FBI files.

- ☒ If you desire, you may appeal any denials contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.
- ☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



John M. Kelso, Jr.,
Section Chief
Freedom of Information-
Privacy Acts Section
Office of Public and
Congressional Affairs

Enclosures (2)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: DEWEST HOOKER

WEST HOOKER COMPANY

Package Shows for Television

3 EAST 85TH STREET
NEW YORK 28, NEW YORK
REGENT 7-4470-1

Mr. L. B. Nichols
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 30th, 1948

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Dear Mr. Nichols:

Enclosed please find format of a television show that belongs to my company. The National Broadcasting Company - Television Department, thinks enough of this program idea and my Company to have requested that I go ahead and prepare its execution. They have given me a time slot on Saturday evenings, and I am to fill it as soon as I can get the show together.

Your New York office gave me your name as the man to see. I understand that the F.B.I. endorses one radio program, i.e. "This is Your F.B.I." I wish you would give me the "F.B.I. Television Rights" along the lines of the enclosed show. As time goes on and television budgets are able to pay for it I would like to make a bigger and better show - still along the same lines, but perhaps with the use of film.

I hope the above request meets with your approval and if further discussion is necessary, I would like to have an appointment to see you down in Washington.

In view of the difficulties in keeping television time open it would be appreciated if you gave this matter your earliest attention.

Very truly yours,
~~WEST HOOKER COMPANY~~

West Hooker

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94-40190-1
Mr. West Hooker
West Hooker Company
3 East 85th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Hooker:

I wish to acknowledge your communication of October 30, 1948. The subject matter of your communication is one to which we have given a great deal of thought but at the present time we are not in a position to make any commitment or cooperate in any type of television program. However, this is something that we will keep in mind and should our position change we will not hesitate to communicate with you.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Nichols

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

*Mailed 11/19/48
LBN hmc*

WEST HOOKER ASSOCIATES

Package Shows for Television

3 EAST 85TH STREET
NEW YORK 28, NEW YORK
REGENT 7-4470-1

TELEVISION SHOW

WANTED

TIME:- 5 to 7 minutes.

PROGRAM:

From the FBI, Secret Service, local Police Department, and other sources, can be obtained pictures and data concerning criminals wanted. They may be escaped convicts, people suspected of major crimes, etc. The entire show would run not more than five to seven minutes.

First, a full-face picture is flashed on screen and narrator comments on man "wanted". Next, if available, a side view and any other additional pictures of the criminal. (See below)

The narrator would not be tough, but rather friendly - almost folksy. The script accompanying the pictures must be well written, with dramatic punch - not merely factual.

(As these pictures are shown, the narrator tells the "story" about each person "WANTED" - why he's "WANTED" - highlights of his crime career, etc.)

ENCLOSURE

WEST. HOOKER COMPANY

Package Shows for Television

3 EAST 85TH STREET
NEW YORK 28, NEW YORK
REGENT 7-4470-1

November 7, 1948

Mr. L. B. Nichols
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nichols,

Thank you very much for your prompt answer to my letter. We are going ahead with the Television show making use of material furnished us by the Local Police, Secret Service, etc. Your material would be the most desirable, however, and we hope that you will let us know if and when you are ready to work with us on the program.

Thanks again.

Very truly yours,
WEST HOOKER COMPANY

No further action

West Hooker
West Hooker

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WEST HOOKER, INC.

30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK 20, NEW YORK
JUDSON 2-3026

February 19, 1952

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth and Pennsylvania Streets
Washington, D.C.

Att: Mr. Robert E. Wick

Gentlemen:

Following up my telephone conversation yesterday with Mr. Robert E. Wick of your office, I'd like to reiterate our very great interest in representing, or in general, furthering the exhibition of a television program embodying the use of the FBI files.

I hope that you will let us know when the Federal Bureau of Investigation might be interested in discussing the subject of producing or aiding in the producing of a television program. At that time, we would like very much to go down there to go into the subject more in detail.

The list of the programs that we currently have on the air are as follows:

1. 'SAY IT WITH ACTING' sponsored by the Naturalizer Division of the Brown Shoe Company, 7:30 to 8:00 alternate Friday nights on the ABC network.
2. 'PANTOMIME QUIZ' sponsored by Camel Cigarettes every Wednesday night on the NBC-TV network at 10:00.
3. Jim Fair's 'CLUB MATINEE', 2:30 to 3:30 on WJZ-TV, Monday through Friday, the emcee and producer.
4. Gabby Hayes Show, 5:15 to 5:30, Monday through Friday on WNBT (we supply all the western films for this program.)

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Our function is either to represent other peoples programs for sale to sponsors or to aid and produce programs, and then in turn, sell them to sponsors. We have the capital and facilities available to make

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sample film programs of the proposed TV series.

Thank you very much for your time today on the telephone and we'll be looking forward to hearing from you some time in the not too distant future.

Sincerely yours,
WEST HOOKER, INC.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "West Hooker", written in a cursive style.

West Hooker.

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Mr. ~~East~~ Hooker
West Hooker, Inc.
80 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Hooker:

I have received your letter of February 19, 1952, and sincerely appreciate the interest which prompted you to write to me.

As Mr. Robert E. Wick informed you during your telephone conversation on February 18, 1952, however, the FBI is not giving consideration to entering the television field within the foreseeable future. Should we decide to do so at some future date, we will be pleased to discuss the matter with you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - New York, with copy of incoming

NOTE: On 2-18-52 correspondent talked to SA Robert E. Wick on the telephone by reference from the Director's office. Correspondent advised that he was interested in securing exclusive rights for production of an authenticated FBI television show since he has been in the business of producing, creating and selling television programs. Mr. Hooker was advised by Mr. Wick that the FBI is not now giving consideration to entering the television field but that if and when we should become interested in television, the Bureau would be glad to listen to any proposition he had to offer. At the time Mr. Hooker stated that he would send a letter to the Director making his interest in the production of such a program a matter of record.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: MR. WEST ~~HOOKER~~
West Hooker, Incorporated
Telefeatures Productions, Inc.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York City

DATE: February 19, 1952

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By reference from the Director's Office at 12:30 PM February 18, 1952, Wick in my office talked with West Hooker calling from New York.

Hooker told Wick that for 3½ years he has been in the business of producing, creating and selling television programs. He said he had formerly been connected with Radio Station WMCA in New York. Hooker stated he has talked with Ted Kirkpatrick, former Special Agent with Counterattack, who advised him his best approach to secure exclusive rights for production of an authenticated FBI television show would be to talk with Bureau officials.

Hooker was advised by Wick we could be of no assistance to him; that we were not now giving consideration to entering the television field. He was further told that if and when it was decided we would be interested in television, we, of course, would be glad to listen to any proposition he had to offer. Hooker said he would send a letter to the Director making his interest in production of such a program featuring the FBI a matter of record.

Mr. Hooker was thanked for his call.

cc - Mr. Jones

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date February 18 1952 Time 12:30 PM

Mr. West Hooker, of West Hooker, Inc.
and Telefeatures Productions, Inc.
30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, tele.
thru oper. from New York

Phone No. _____

REMARKS

When informed of the Director's
absence Mr. Hooker consented to
speak with an assistant. After
checking, he was referred to Mr.
Wick, in Mr. Nichols' Office.

Mr. Wick advises that Mr. Hooker was desirous
of coming to Washington to discuss the possibili-
ty of obtaining the rights for an FBI show for
television production.

Mr. Wick told Mr. Hooker that the Bureau was not
interested in participating in such a show at
the present time. Mr. Hooker said he would like
to send a letter to the Director just to make
it a matter of record.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols initials
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Laughlin _____
Mr. Jones _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: February 5, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: WEST HOOKER
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Tolson
Ladd
Nichols
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Glavin
Harbo
Rosen
Tracy
Gandy
Mohr
Winter
Tele. Rm.
Holloman
Sizoo
Miss G

SYNOPSIS:

We have corresponded with Hooker in 1948 and 1952 regarding participation in television programs. On neither occasion was Hooker given any encouragement. Hooker has been critical of Morris Ernst regarding Ernst's alleged association with various front groups.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

PURPOSE:

There is set forth salient information located in Bureau files concerning the above named per your request.

DETAILS:

We have had numerous contacts with Hooker beginning with a letter dated October 30, 1948, wherein he contacted you regarding our participation in a five to seven minute television

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

February 5, 1954

program concerning Bureau fugitives. You advised him by letter dated November 4, 1948, that we were not in a position to make any commitment or cooperate in any type of television program at that time. On February 18, 1952, Mr. West Hooker, of West Hooker, Inc., Telefeatures Production, Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, telephoned and requested to speak with the Director. He was advised that the Director was not available and Hooker consented to speak with Wick in your office. Hooker requested to speak with a Bureau official regarding the obtaining of exclusive rights for an authenticated FBI television program. He was advised that the Bureau was not considering any television program at that time. Hooker set this same information forth in a letter dated February 19, 1952, for record purposes and his communication was acknowledged by letter dated February 28, 1952, again setting forth that the FBI was not giving any consideration to entering the television field. (94-40190)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WEST HOOKER

DATE: August 31, 1954

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Boardman ☒

Nichols ☒

Belmont ☒

Harbo ☒

Mohr ☒

Parsons ☒

Rosen ☒

Tamm ☒

Sizoo ☒

Winterrowd ☒

Tele. Room ☒

Holloman ☒

Gandy ☒

G.I.R. -9

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[REDACTED] West Hooker, who runs a Film Research Bureau at 853 Seventh Avenue, New York, has become violently anti-Semitic and has been conducting a campaign against Rabbi Schultz of the Jewish League Against Communism. Associated with West Hooker is a Benjamin Freeman.

cc - Mr. Boardman

cc - Mr. Belmont

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MR. TOLSON

September 15,
1954

L. B. NICHOLS

WEST HOOKER

Reference is made to my memorandum of August 31, 1954, setting out that [REDACTED] West Hooker, who runs a Film Research Bureau at 853 Seventh Avenue, New York, has become violently anti-Semitic and has been conducting a campaign against Rabbi Schultz of the Jewish League Against Communism.

[REDACTED]

It is recommended that this be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division for review.

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Attachment

CC - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

West Hooker Company

Baumgardner
West

Watch out for an outfit calling itself ~~"Dynamic Christianity"~~. Its organizer is West Hooker, the Larchmont bigot recently exposed by this department. Hooker's group has as its target the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

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FILM RESEARCH, Inc.

853 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 19, NEW YORK
JUDSON 2-3026

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Sizoo ✓
Mr. Winterrow ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

January 14, 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you can see from the above letterhead, we are a research organization and do a certain amount of investigation. As a result, we have come upon information in the subversive field which we believe would be helpful to the F. B. I. In some cases, certain subversive outfits have made gestures to the writer to do certain things which are not to the interests of the U. S. A.

The writer would like to get some sort of clearance or advice as to how to proceed in the matter so that he could help to expose these subversive machinations.

Is there anyone in the New York City area that you can direct me to who is trustworthy? I emphasize this trustworthiness because, as you undoubtedly know, this city is loaded with "phoneys", and although I hope I am wrong, I presume that even your F. B. I. agents in this area-, or some of them, might have been "touched", and influenced somewhat by the local "gestapos" of the opposition.

Respectfully yours,

West Hooker
West Hooker

P. S. My home address is 1 Overlook Terrace, Larchmont, N. Y., and the only man in the F. B. I. that I know up there is one George Kasset, who is a friend of mine at the Orienta Beach Club.

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January 24, 1955

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94-40190-7

Mr. West Hooker
Film Research, Inc.
853 Seventh Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Hooker:

Your letter dated January 14, 1955, has been received.

Inasmuch as the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, it is not within our authority to grant clearances of the type you requested. If you have information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, feel free to make it available to one of my associates in our office at 290 Broadway, New York 7, New York.

Your presumption that any of our Agents has been "touched" or "influenced" is completely without foundation and is, therefore, entirely unwarranted.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

COMM - FBI

JAN 24 1955

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cc - New York, with copy incoming.

NOTE: (see next page)

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
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Mr. Winterrowd
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Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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Mr. West Hooker

January 24, 1955

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NOTE:

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We corresponded with Hooker in 1948 and 1952 in connection with his desire for Bureau participation in television programs. On neither occasion was Hooker given any encouragement. [REDACTED]

K2 [REDACTED] Hooker has become violently anti-Semitic, and the same charge appeared in the "New York Journal American" column of Howard Rushmore. A confidential informant of known reliability also advised in December, 1954, that Hooker has long been known as a violent anti-Semite in the New York City area.



FILM RESEARCH, Inc.

853 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 19, NEW YORK
JUDSON 2-3026

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Sizoo ✓
Mr. Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

February 7, 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your last letter, and contents noted.
I shall contact them in the near future.

Today I went to the office of one Stephen Vladeck, a lawyer recommended to me by a Mr. Rundquist of the ACLU, to see if Mr. Vladeck could help me get the Weaver Street Auditorium in Larchmont to speak in for political purposes. I am fully conscious of the fact that the ACLU probably used to be a Communist front, and perhaps still is, although they probably, to protect themselves, would aid me and our organization. The point I am trying to make is that I don't want you or your organization to think that I have any Communist leanings or connections (consciously) except for this association - which I feel I can use temporarily to aid us in our battle for what we believe to be true Americanism, patriotism, and U. S. nationalism. I therefore did want you to have this information in your files.

Very truly yours,

West Hooker

West Hooker

Organizer for the
Nationalist Party.

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cc Mr. George R. Masset
111 Harmon Drive
Larchmont, N. Y.

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February 15, 1955

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Mr. West Hooker
Film Research, Inc.
853 Seventh Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Hooker:

I have received your letter of February 7, 1955.

The information contained therein has been made a matter of record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York, with copy of incoming.

ReBulet 1-24-55 to the correspondent, a copy of which was furnished your office.

NOTE: The Bureau corresponded with Hooker in 1948 and 1952 in connection with his desire for Bureau participation in television programs. On neither occasion was he given any encouragement.

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Hooker has become violently anti-Semitic, and the same charge appeared in the "New York Journal American" column of Howard Rushmore. By letter of 1-14-55 the correspondent advised that certain subversive organizations had made gesture to him to do things not within the interest of the U. S. He stated he desired some sort of clearance or advice as to how to proceed and inquired if there was anyone in New York City trustworthy enough for the Director to refer him to, indicating that he presumed that even the FBI Agents in that area might have been "touched" and influenced by local "gestapos." Bulet of 1-24-55 referred him to the New York Office and advised him that his presumption is completely without foundation.

Bufile 61-190-13 reflects that the American Civil Liberties Union has done considerable sniping at the Bureau in the past with regard to wire tapping. Considerable correspondence has had, however, with officials of this organization.

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